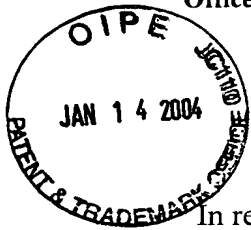


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In response to the Official Action dated **December 24, 2003**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.